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TAGS: PFOR, MILI, GE, SZ, PL,CZ

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF SWISS MILITARY ATTACHE FROM WARSAW  
TO EAST BERLIN

REF: BERLIN 5278

1. EMBOFF LEARNED FROM A SWISS EMBASSY CONTACT( BODENMUELLER)  
THAT THE SWISS ARE CONSIDERING TRANSFERRING THEIR MILITARY  
ATTACHED FROM WARSAW TO BERLIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE  
PRESENT ATTACHE, COLONEL VITTORINO RANZONI, RESIDES IN  
WARSAW AND IS ACCREDITED TO POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE  
GDR. ACCORDING TO BODENMUELLER, THE MOVE WOULD SIMPLIFY  
COL. RANZONI'S OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS, NOT THE LEAST BECAUSE  
LANGUAGE BARRIERS WOULD BE REMOVED. HE ALSO HINTED THAT  
RESIDENCE IN EAST BERLIN WOULD FACILITATE THE ATTACHE'S  
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UNOFFICIAL ACCESS TO CONTACTS IN WEST BERLIN, WHICH HE

DESCRIBED AS PROBABLY WELL-INFORMED ON WARSAW PACT  
MATTERS.

2. BODENMUELER EMPHASIZED THAT THE MOVE WOULD BE  
SIMPLY A CHANGE OF RESIDENCE WITHOUT ANY POLITICAL  
IMPLICATIONS. THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE ATTACHE'S  
CURRENT ACCREDITATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.COOPER

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